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SUBJECT: REACTIONS TO EBERLE CONSULTATIONS IN BRIDGETOWN

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1. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG OFFICIALS, AND CARICOM SECRETARY GENERAL DEMAS, EMBOFF RAISED QUESTION, INTER ALIA, OF EBERLE VISIT. GOG PERMSEC IN MINISTRY OF TRADE, FRANK NOEL, WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SIZE AND RANGE OF INTERESTS OF US DELGATION. HE REITERATED POINTS MADE BY GUYANESE REPRESENTATIVES, I.E., DISCRIMINATORY U.S. RUM TARIFF, IMPORTANCE OF 200,000 TON SUGAR QUOTA FOR WEST INDIES, AND NO NEED FOR SOME KIND OF WHEAT IMPORT CREDITS. DEMAS WAS PLEASED WITH THE TALKS, AND SAID SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE HELD IN FUTURE, PERHAPS BETWEEN US REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBER NATIONS OF REGIONAL GROUPS, UNDER THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' AUSPICES. DEMAS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE DUE DATE FOR PRODUCTS LISTS, AND SAID CARICOM SECRETARIAT MAY BE GENTLY PRODDING MEMBERS TO HURRY UP.

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2. EMBASSY HAS REMINDED GOG OF NEED FOR TIMELY SUBMISSION,
ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. DEPT. IS AWARE HOWEVER, THAT 85 PERCENT
OF GUYANA'S EXPORTS MADE UP BY SUGAR, BAUXITE, AND RICE. ONLY
OTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPORTS TO U.S. ARE SHRIMP AND TIMBER.
GUYANA'S LIST, THEREFORE WILL BE LARGELY ACADEMIC PROCEDURE, WITH
EXCEPTION OF RUM WHICH IS SORE POINT. KREBS

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